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SUBJ: GREEK CRISIS

1. BORBA EDITORIAL APRIL 26 SAID THAT IN "SINISTER COUP" GREECE HAS BEEN HURLED ALONG DANGEROUS COURSE WHICH JEOPARDIZES HER NATIONAL INTERESTS. BORBA CLAIMED THAT INSTABILITY INDUCED RIGHTIST, MONARCHIST FORCES IN GREECE AND "FOREIGN FACTORS SUCH AS CIA FOR EXAMPLE" TO PREPARE STRATAGEMS AT TIME WHEN NO OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR MAINTAINING POWER EXISTED. BORBA SAID KING'S ROLE IN COUP NOT CLEAR, BUT IS UNIMPORTANT ANYWAY, SINCE "MONARCHIST DICTATORSHIP CAN BRING NO LASTING DENOUEMENT."

2. CENTRAL COUNCIL OF YUGOSLAV TRADE UNION FEDERATION AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF YUGOSLAV STUDENT UNION BOTH CONDEMNED GREEK COUP APRIL 25, ACCORDING PRESS. TRADE UNION GROUP, IN TELEGRAM SENT TO INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, SAID COUP HAD "ABOLISHED ALL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND INTRODUCED MILITARY DICTATORSHIP." STUDENT GROUP CHARGED THAT MILITARY JUNTA "IS PERSECUTING AND ARRESTING ALL FORCES WHICH UNTIL YESTERDAY HAD BEEN CONSIDERED DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE." BOTH GROUPS EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN GREECE.

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